

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 23, line 22 through page 24, line 10 with the following paragraph:

F) In a 500 ml three-necked round bottom flask, 113.4 g of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin is suspended in 200 g of deionized water and 8 g of an aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (50%). This suspension is heated to boiling until all of the above is dissolved. With vigorous stirring, 34.4 g of an aqueous solution of DIMAPA-quat. (60%) is added dropwise over 30 min, and this is stirred under reflux for another 5 hours. The solution is cooled to 5°C, and a pH of 7 is adjusted using hydrochloric acid. The precipitate is filtrated and washed with water. Following drying of the filter residue, the DS value is determined to be 0.005 using elemental analysis. 50 g of the willowed, dried and milled polymer from Example 1 B) screened to 150-800 [[mm]]  $\mu\text{m}$  is wetted with a solution of 0.5 g of ethylene carbonate, 1.5 g of cyclodextrin derivative according to F), and 7.3 g of water in a plastic vessel with vigorous stirring and mixed thoroughly using a commercially available household hand mixer (Krupps company). For surface cross-linking, the wetted polymer subsequently is heated in an oven at a temperature of 175°C for 25 minutes.